

PLAN SUMMARY

Plan Title: Urban & Community Forestry Plan, 1997-2001

Type: Strategic plan for cooperative stewardship program

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Plan Description: (Purpose, Goals and Guiding Principles)

The plan supports a program that promotes sustained, healthy community trees for economic, environmental and social benefits to all Nevada citizens. The plan supports a program that assists communities in developing comprehensive and sustainable community forestry programs which enhance the quality of life and the natural environment. The program provide technical assistance and monetary grants to qualifying entities throughout the state.

Planning/Guiding Principals:

- Develop, care for or cultivate conservation plant materials in an urban environment to enhance air quality, provide shade protection, stabilize soils, reduce noise and dust levels, and improve esthetics.
- Encourage tree species diversity.
- Promote and assist in the establishment of windbreaks, shelterbelts, wood lots, greenbelts, open space, parks and arboretums.
- Raise public awareness and address the educational needs of all Nevada citizens concerning the values and benefits of community trees and the importance of proper management.
- Using current technology, develop and provide materials for public information, training of professionals and technical assistance to communities.
- Improve community forest establishment and management based on an understanding of community forest makeup, condition, planning issues and maintenance needs.
- Maximize program efficiency and effectiveness and provide for evaluation of program projects through cooperative partnerships.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Legislative Authority and /or Administrative Policies: NRS Chapters 472, 527, & 528.

Cooperating Agencies:

US Forest Service, Nevada Shade Tree Council, Nevada Cooperative Extension, Natural Resource Conservation Service

Participating Stakeholders:

Private landowners, Local communities, Non-profit entities, Schools, State agencies

Date Completed: December, 1997. Next Update: December, 2001

Public Communication and/or Participation Process. Urban & Community Forestry Program clients and grant recipients provide direct comment on all aspects of the program. The Nevada Shade Tree Council serves in an advisory capacity to the State Forester and provides input regarding programs and activities.

Data Types Required and Used

- Planting projects, species, survivability & educational outreach
- Planting/project locations
- Soils & climate
- Insects & diseases

Data Sources

- Client input & demand
- Project evaluations
- Published data & information
- Cooperator input & meetings

Funding Sources. The Urban & Community Forestry Program (UC&F) operates on funds provided by an annual federal grant from the US Forest Service (by way of the Forestry Title of the 1990 Farm Bill). The program receives no state general funds.